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HANDPUMPS IN REMOTE RURAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether deepwell handpumps are installed in remote rural areas of the country with the help of international organisations and UNICEF;

(b) if so, the number of such handpumps installed in the country during the last three years, State-wise particularly in Maharashtra and Rajasthan; and

(c) the allocations made for the purpose during the said period, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M. K. PATIL)

(a) to (c): Rural Water Supply being a State subject, the schemes for providingdrinking water supply in rural areas are implemented by the State Governments with their own resources. The Central Government supplements the efforts of the States by providing funds under the Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) and the Drinking Water Supply component of the Prime Minister`s Gramodaya Yojana (PMGY). The powers to plan, sanction and implement Rural Water Supply schemes under the above programmes rests with the State Governments. UNICEF also supports various activities related to rural water supply in some States directly. Details regarding handpumps installed under the ARWSP, PMGY, State resources or with support of International Organisations and UNICEF are not maintained at the Central Government level.

The allocation made by the Central Government under ARWSP and PMGY arefor entire rural water supply activities including installation of handpumps. No separate allocation of funds exclusively for handpumps are made.